



Highland Public School Parent Council Meeting

November 13, 2024

Start Time: 6:30 pm

End Time: 8:00pm

Location: Highland Library

Facilitator: Kany Blair & Whitney Ellis

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Mission Statement: *"To support the Highland School community in its dedication to the encouragement of life-long learning, the pursuit of personal best, and the fostering of respect for self and others, through the nurturing of responsible behavior and cooperation in a secure, motivating atmosphere for all."*

Members: *voting member

Name	Role	P/R/V	Name	Role	P/R/V
Whitney Ellis*	Co-Chair 2024-25	P	April Lindemann*	Co-Chair from 2023-2024 school year	R
Kany Blair*	Co-Chair 2024-25	R	Ekaterina Borshevetskaya*	Co-Chair from 2023-2024 school year	P
Stacy Weber*	Treasurer	R	Jessica Allen**	Teacher-rep	R
Calyn Nelson*	Secretary	P	Jason Gordon**	Teacher-rep	P
Sean Finn	Principal	P	Kyle Metcalf	Vice Principal	P
Teri Horgan*	WRAPSC	P	Paula Oullet*		P
Tania Gonzalez*		P	Amanda Kamping-Carder*		P

Jessica O'Neill		P	Laura Down		P
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1.	Welcome: - Review and approve Agenda - Review and approve minutes from last meeting (October 2024)	All	- October minutes approved
2.	Administrator's Report • Photo retake date yet? • Update on staff re: bandwidth to support winter concert (anything new?) • Possible to purchase extra items for other kids? Corrine was looking into it. • Parent/teacher interviews? Are they happening? Aren't they mandatory?	Sean Finn Principal	General Updates <i>Photo Retake Day</i> - Photo retake day scheduled for Nov. 20; Corinne to send reminder via School Day <i>Winter Concert</i> - No staff bandwidth to support - Logistics are challenging, e.g. chair rentals would be required <i>Parent-Teacher Interviews</i> - Progress reports sent Nov. 18 - Parent-teacher interviews are mandatory only if a parent requests a meeting. - However, teachers are expected to be proactive with families regarding student performance, i.e. ahead of progress reports <i>School Updates</i> - Trinity Community Table in need of: adult socks, mittens, gloves, hats (new items only) - Clothing drive running Nov. 18-Dec. 15 - Pumpkin drop STEM challenge in October - Nicole Brown on maternity leave; Kait Cyr covering

			- Kate Monteiro on leave; recruitment in process (gym, health, music) - Embedded team: designated team of CYW, ABA, Board teacher in place for ten weeks (until mid-Jan. 2025) to support students with behavioural needs - Embedded team is able to facilitate referrals to additional services/resources
3.	Teacher's Report and Requests • We received an email from a parent trying to find information on tryouts and intramurals. • Is this communicated to parents? • English participation on teams and sports in general? • Is there equitable programming? What can be done to develop clubs and sports to engage more of the English side.	Jason Gordon	<i>Intramurals</i> - Volleyball team try-outs in progress; highest turnout to date: 56 students - Intramural try-outs: trying to get as much student uptake as possible - Statistically, more French students will become involved in intramurals as FI accounts for 2/3 of students. - Intramurals are drop-in, require student initiative to join and attend - Chess club, basketball, primary intramurals will start soon - Mr. R. facilitates sports/games daily - Lots of opportunities for kids to participate in intramurals, everyone is welcome. - Chess sets have been purchased with \$500 contributed by PAC. - Most teachers will likely wait for spring to plan next field trips. - Some walking library trips are planned in the meantime.
4	Treasurer's Report		- Treasurer's report provided by Stacey via e-mail. - No questions from PAC.
5.	WRAPSC report		- No notable updates.

6.	Sponsored activities/fundraising initiatives for 2024/2025 school year • Flip Give • Others? • WEFI Fund (nutrition for learning?) • Grants? • Ideas brainstormed for group to vote on. • How much money made from Mabels Labels so far?		- Group aligned on decision to run FlipGive and Mabel's Labels beginning November for duration of school year. - Group aligned on decision to run Reid's either the last week of November + first of December, or first two weeks of December depending on timing w/ Reid's and school admin. Will run WEFI alongside for those who wish to make a monetary contribution. - Paula to contact Reid's about order information and timing; Calyn to contact Corinne about timing of School Day set-up and promotion.
7.	• Book Jungle Sport for next winter? • Sponsor families in need for Christmas? We discussed last year that we would look into helping this year.		<i>Jungle Sport</i> - Motion to book Jungle Sport for winter 2026 - Total cost is \$4,900; deposit is \$1000 - Fall 2025 WEFI for Jungle Sport fundraiser <i>Sponsoring Families</i> - Sean to advise PAC if he becomes aware of a family in need of support.
8.	Agenda Items for next meeting: Parking lot for the items brought in for discussion, to be included to the next agenda	All	

Future meeting dates- mark your calendar!

December 11, 2024 at 6:30pm